

## **Appendix K: What is a WRAS?**

Plans and strategies that will be considered as watershed restoration action strategies must include some reasonable portion of the following elements:

- identification of measurable environmental and programmatic goals;
- identification of sources of water pollution and the relative contribution of sources;
- implementation of pollution control and natural resource restoration measures (e.g., permit revisions, implementation of best management practices and buffer strips) to achieve clean water and other natural resource goals, especially measures which will achieve multiple environmental and public health benefits;
- schedules for implementation of needed restoration measures and identification of appropriate lead agencies to oversee implementation, maintenance, monitoring, and evaluation;
- implementation of total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for pollutants exceeding state water quality standards;
- implementation of source water assessment and protection programs;
- needed monitoring and evaluation to assess progress towards achieving environmental and programmatic goals;
- funding plans to support the implementation and maintenance of needed restoration measures;
- a process for cross-agency (federal, state, interstate, tribal, and local) coordination to help implement watershed restoration action strategies; and
- a process for public involvement.